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CREAMERY MEETING PROVES BIG SUCCESS

A PROSPEROUS YEAR

Many Stockholders and Friends in Attendance.

The second annual get-together meeting of the stockholders and shippers of the St. Helens Co-operative Creamery Association last Saturday was a very enjoyable affair and attended by many. The creamery people gathered at Guild hall at 11 o'clock, and after several musical selections by the Tarbell orchestra dinner was served. After dinner, Mayor Morton, in a few remarks, congratulated the association on the splendid showing made during the past year and of the interest in the institution which was taken by St. Helens people. C. A. Jewell and A. E. Tully, of the state dairy commission, followed in instructive talks, and O. M. Simpson, of the Mutual Creamery in Portland also gave an interesting and instructive talk. President Tarbell and other officers of the association gave heart to heart talks with the stockholders, citing the growth of the creamery as the best evidence of the interest and loyalty of the stockholders. It is understood that the operation of the creamery during the past year has been very successful and the stockholders are enthusiastic for its continued success. During the past year approximately \$40,000 has been paid out in checks for cream, and the output of butter will total almost 100,000 pounds. The creamery is one of the important institutions of St. Helens, and the Mist is much gratified at its success.

RED CROSS STAMPS ARE NOW ON SALE

People Are Asked to Contribute to This Good Cause.

Red Cross stamps are now on sale and can be found at the following business houses in St. Helens: Deming's Drug Store, Plaza Pharmacy, Austin's and Taber's. The proceeds derived from the sale of stamps will be used to care for tubercular people and to assist in stamping out the great white plague. This fund



should not be confounded with the other Red Cross activities, as all of the money raised in Oregon for this cause will be expended in Oregon. The state hospital at Salem is now overcrowded and for a lack of room many patients who should now be receiving treatment are unable to gain admission. Last year Dr. L. G. Ross, who is in charge of the work, prevailed upon several young ladies to sell stamps, and \$45 was realized. This year St. Helens is asked for \$100, which is a small amount for so prosperous a city as St. Helens is. A contribution to this cause is of direct benefit to the county, as the visiting nurses are sent here to aid in the work and give their time to those who are unable to gain admission to the hospital. A stamp costs only one cent, so let every package and every letter bear the Red Cross emblem which will signify that you are interested in the work and doing your bit towards stamping out the dread disease which menaces so many unfortunates throughout our own county.

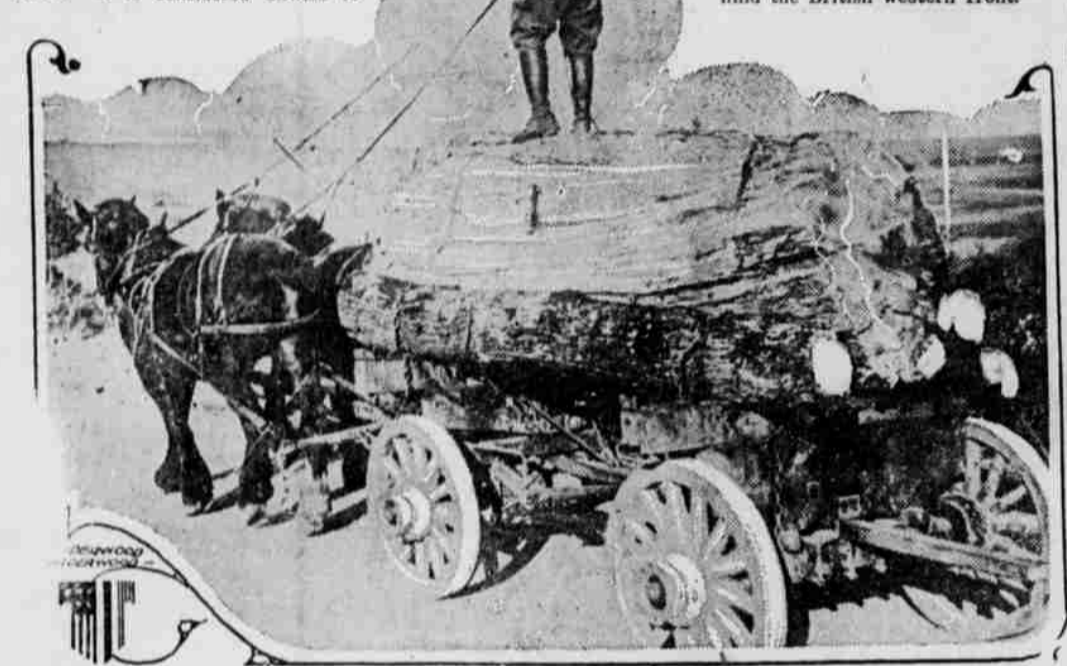
The Ladies' Aid Society of the Congregational church held a chicken supper and bazaar at the Guild hall last night. They were accorded a liberal patronage, with the result that quite a sum was realized for the necessary expenses of the church.

U. S. SOLDIER-LUMBERMEN HARD AT WORK ON WESTERN FRONT

Uncle Sam has sent hundreds of foresters to France, and they are now busily engaged behind the lines. The fine old French forests are melting away beneath their axes, for timber is a great necessity in the camps. It is used in making shacks for the men and is also needed in the construction of trenches and of roads. It is considered unwise to

send American timber to France, owing to the scarcity of tonnage. But France has timber enough, and to spare.

This is the first photograph showing one of our American soldier-lumbermen on the job "overseas." Standing on the huge trunk of a tree that fell to our foresters' prowess, he is driving along a quiet road behind the British western front.



NOW IS THE TIME TO ENLIST

After December 15th No Voluntary Enlistments Allowed.

If you want to be a volunteer, now is the time to enlist. After December 15, when the new draft regulations become effective, men of draft age will not be permitted to enlist voluntarily in the army, navy or marine corps.

Under the new classification system through which the draft will be conducted after Questionnaires to be sent every registered man in the next few weeks have been answered and returned to local boards, these men will be held for service under the draft. Heretofore any man of draft age who had not been called up before his local board for physical examination could enlist voluntarily if he so desired. This will continue to be the case until December 15, but on that date the new rule goes into effect.

There are only two exceptions to this rule. Here is the exact language of the regulations in regard to the first exception:

"Upon presentation to a recruiting officer of a certificate by his local board to the effect that his class and order number are so low that he is not within the current quota of his local board, any registrant may enlist voluntarily in the navy or in the marine corps."

But no provision is made for voluntary enlistment of men of draft age in the army.

The other exception has to do with medical students, hospital internes, dentists, dental students, veterinarians or veterinary students, who will be permitted under regulations to be drawn up by the surgeon general of the army, to enlist in the Enlisted Reserve Corps of the Medical Department.

LADIES' AID WILL GIVE ENTERTAINMENT

On Friday, December 14, the Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church will stage a two-act farce entitled "Help Wanted," at the city hall. The entertainment will also include a fine musical program by some of St. Helens' best talent. Following is the cast of characters: Mrs. Smith, head of intelligence office, Jessie Beauchamp; Annie, the private secretary, Dora Hall; Mrs. Wentworth, in search of a secretary, Inez Barber; Mrs. Alden, in search of a maid, Arline Paulson; Bridget O'Brien, the maid, Lucille Lymburner; Kate Alden, Mrs. Alden's niece, a runaway from school in search of adventure, Marian Baker; Admission, to children of the grades, 10 cents; adults, 25 cents. Reserved seats, 35 cents. Reserved seats will be on sale at the Plaza Drug Store.

HONOR GUARD DANCE DELIGHTFUL AFFAIR

Many Were in Attendance and a Tidy Sum Was Realized.

The benefit dance given by the girls of the St. Helens Honor Guard at the city hall Saturday night was one of the events of the season. The large hall was prettily decorated. Shurtcliff's orchestra furnished excellent music, which was much appreciated by the 100 couples who enjoyed the dancing. Punch and light refreshments were served and the crowd was not at all stingy about patronizing the booths. Quite a tidy sum was added to the treasury of the Honor Guard, and the amount will be used in purchasing Christmas presents for our soldier boys. The Honor Guard wish to thank all who assisted them and the public at large for the generous support.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

After a short vacation the pupils have returned to their studies with renewed interest.

A committee consisting of Grace Howell, Helen White, Rose Kiblan, Robert Dixon and Ivar Welinder has been appointed to arrange for a high school skating party, to be given Friday night at the skating rink. The hours set are from 7:30 to 10. A pleasant time is anticipated.

Basketball teams are being organized. A boys' and a girls' team are now practicing at the skating rink very evening from 5 to 7 o'clock. The boys' team is coached by Mr. Taylor and the girls' team by Miss Ruggins.

THE NAVY'S MENU

That the boys in the navy did not suffer from hunger on Thanksgiving day is indicated by a menu card received from Arnold Hobbs, who is at the naval training station at San Francisco. Arnold says: "This is pretty good feed for a Sammy, and it's all free, too." Here are a few of the good things on the bill of fare: Radishes, celery, sweet pickles, grapefruit, cream of tomatoes, filet, sugar au chignon, green peas, pique au champagne, Waldorf salad, roast young turkey, cranberry sauce, oyster dressing, giblet gravy, asparagus with drawn butter, sweet potatoes, greole. After getting away with this, just a filler, the sailor lads had for dessert, mince pie, pumpkin pie, cream cheese, toasted crackers, ice cream, pound cake, apples, oranges, cigars, mixed nuts, raisins, coffee. If good feed makes a good fighter, Uncle Sam certainly must have the fighters. Arnold's address is Co. D-9, U. S. Naval Training Station, San Francisco, Cal.

One benefit of the war is that it has induced consumers to study food and its values.

GOVERNMENT TAKES ALLARD AND PORTLAND

Both Vessels to Enter Government Service Immediately.

The United States government has commandeered the motor vessels City of Portland and S. I. Allard which have been operated by the McCormick company, and has already taken over the vessels. The Allard is now loading a partial cargo of lumber at the dock of the St. Helens Lumber Company and is expected to leave in a few days for San Francisco. The City of Portland is now in San Francisco, having arrived at that port only a few days ago. Both vessels brought cargoes from the South Sea islands, the Allard coming to Portland, and were to load cargoes of lumber for Australian delivery. A portion of the Allard's cargo has been cut and is now on the docks, and it will be necessary to secure some other carrier to move it. The government will pay \$6 per ton per month for the use of the vessels, and since they measure up to 3300 gross tons, the monthly rental while in the government service will be approximately \$20,000, which insures good dividends to the stockholders, a considerable number of whom live in St. Helens. It is supposed that the vessels will be placed on the San Francisco-Honolulu route to take the place of some of the steamers which were formerly on that run but were taken over by the government.

RAPID PROGRESS ON COLUMBIA HIGHWAY

Two Contracts Under Way and Work Being Pushed.

Contractor Herrold, who has the contract for building the concrete bridges on the Delena cutoff on the Columbia Highway, was in St. Helens Tuesday in conference with county officials. Five of the bridges, both east and west of Delena, have been finished and opened for traffic. Two and one-half miles of road east of Delena and one mile west is almost completed and will be finished during this month. A plant is now being installed at Ingalls to work east from that point and will meet the crew which is working west from Delena. Mr. Herrold says that the bridge work will be resumed in the spring as soon as the water will allow, but the road work will continue during all of the winter. Much work will be necessary to remove the slides between Delena and Ingalls, but Mr. Herrold thinks the road will be open to traffic about June 15. He has a large crew of men and has made it a rule to obtain local men when possible, with the result that he has a reliable force of men who are doing excellent work.

QUESTIONNAIRES TO BE SENT OUT SOON

LOCAL BOARD BUSY Drafted Men Must Make Prompt Returns.

Every man registered under the draft law who has changed his residence or postoffice address should immediately, without fail, notify his local board of his present address so that he will receive the Questionnaire he is required to fill out under the new draft regulations.

This applies to all registered men, even those previously exempted or discharged. All previous exemptions and discharges from the draft are automatically revoked on December 15.

Sheriff Stanwood will begin to send out the Questionnaire to registered men on December 15. Each man will have seven days in which to fill out answers to the many questions asked and return the Questionnaire to the local board.

Failure to answer the Questionnaire and return it to the board within this seven-day limit will endanger a man's right to claim exemption, regardless of whether he did not receive the Questionnaire.

Hence it is urgent that every registered man whose address has been changed should, for his own protection, at once notify his local board of his change in address.

"Registrants are bound by law to keep themselves advised of all proceedings in respect of them, and failure to do so may result in their losing right to claim exemption or discharge."

BOYS' CONFERENCE AT EUGENE SUCCESS

Over 400 boys of high school age, representing 130 towns and cities of western Oregon, met at Eugene November 30, December 1 and 2, at the 12th annual Older Boys' Conference. The flag given by Gov. Withycombe for the delegation traveling the greatest aggregate mileage was won by the Astoria delegation, which consisted of fourteen representatives.

The people of Eugene threw their homes open and royally entertained the boys who visited their city. The state university also extended every possible courtesy to the visitors.

The general theme of the conference was the "Challenge of War" which was developed under the heads "The Challenge to Prepare," "The Challenge to Produce" and "The Challenge to Serve."

On Friday evening the conference was addressed by Dr. Pence, formerly of Portland and now army Y. M. C. A. secretary, upon the subject "The Challenge to Prepare." It was a serious minded group of boys who listened to this strong address as they were brought to realize that "upon the youth of today rests the destiny of all which America holds sacred." Nothing could be more inspiring than to stand before such a group of earnest boys, looking into their faces and seeing kindled there the fire of determination which is to perpetuate the high principles of Christianity and "make the world safe for democracy."

Time and space will not permit a detailed account of the many strong addresses and speeches, some of which were made by the boys themselves. It is impossible to estimate the good which comes from these conferences. The next one will be held at Roseburg.

Gordon Isbister, Everett Lane, Wade Rutherford, Oury Hisey, Max Wilson, Norman Wilkins, J. H. McCoy, Will Briggs and Will Perry were those from St. Helens who attended.

GOBLE ELECTION

At the election held in Goble Tuesday the question was submitted to the voters as to whether Goble should surrender its charter. Much interest was manifested in the question, and the sentiment was almost equally divided, as 17 voted to retain the charter and 14 voted to the contrary. Goble is still one of Columbia county's cities.

Every cellar of vegetables is a trench of food preparedness.

CITY COUNCIL ELECTS E. I. BALLAGH MAYOR

IS UNANIMOUS CHOICE Selection Meets With Approval of Citizens Generally.

Edison I. Ballagh, councilman, was elected mayor of the city of St. Helens by the city council at its regular meeting Monday night without a dissenting vote. Mr. Ballagh succeeds S. C. Morton, who resigned. The newly elected mayor is a native of



EDISON I. BALLAGH

Missouri but moved to Oregon in 1897. He came to St. Helens in 1907 as manager for the Columbia River Packers' Association, a position he still holds. In 1912 Mr. Ballagh was married to Miss Grace Leo Wilkins, of this city. They have two children, Grace and Lerine.

Mr. Ballagh has always taken a keen interest in sports, and for some years was manager of the St. Helens baseball club. He is a member of the K. of P. and Redmen fraternal orders and has occupied all the chairs in each lodge. At the time of his elevation to the mayoralty, Mr. Ballagh was serving his second term as councilman. No successor has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the council, but it is probable the council will select some citizen as a city dad at their next regular meeting.

The selection of Mr. Ballagh meets with the approval of a majority of the citizens of St. Helens, who wish him the utmost success in his new position of responsibility.

SUPT. CHURCHILL VISITS ST. HELENS

In Interest of Food Administration of Oregon.

Arthur M. Churchill, state chairman of the food administration, was in St. Helens Tuesday of this week on official business connected with the food campaign, and was in consultation with County Chairman Sherman Miles and Supt. Allen. That there is a real necessity for food conservation and that the government and its servants mean business is the main lesson to be driven home. Human liberty is at stake and the mighty effort of a combined nation is required if America and her allies are to succeed in the preservation of democracy and its extension to the war stricken countries of the whole earth. This country must feed the soldiers that are to win the world for democracy—or democracy is lost. Conserve food and help win. Mr. Churchill spoke to the St. Helens high school while here. About 2,000 families are pledged to food conservation in Columbia county. Forty families have refused to sign.

EXPLOSION AT HALIFAX

An explosion yesterday at Halifax, N. S., caused by a munition ship being rammed by another vessel, resulted in damage amounting to millions of dollars. It is reported several hundred lives were lost.

The steamer Klamath arrived in Thursday night. The vessel will load a full cargo of lumber for San Pedro, and is due to sail Monday night.

Comfortable barns keep dairy cows warm far more cheaply than high priced feed.